

year. Congratulations to the following rep players Te Hurinui, Blaze, Ratapu and Alex. Good luck for your soccer tournaments.

Congratulations to Kyah and Tiana and their Pukenui netball team for coming runners up in their grade. Great effort girls!

There has been enough interest for two mini ball teams this year. Miria is co-ordinating and coaching the Year 7 & 8 grade team. A second team will be coached by Steve ranging from Year 4 to 6's.

Blessing

Minister Barney Winikerei joined us last Thursday for the blessing of the new building. Thank you to those who came along. Everyone is welcome to pop in and have a browse. We haven't completely settled in yet but a well needed clean up is underway.



Community News

Celebrations A reminder about the potluck lunch at Tokikapu Marae for Ben & Bex on Saturday starting 12.30ish.

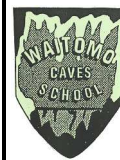
Waitomo Netball Congratulations to the senior woman's netball team for winning their competition grade and receiving two trophies this year.

WRSRC Prizegiving is being held at Kiwipaka tomorrow night starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are on sale at Curly's Bar for \$25 per person.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

20 August	Pot Luck Lunch
24 August	COP's Cross Country
26 August	Community Assembly
30 Aug – 2 Sept	Snow Camp
9 September	Waikato Percussion Festival
14 September	Waikato Cross Country Race
14 September	BOT Meeting
20 September	Parent Meeting
21 September	Seniors COP's Athletics
22 September	Welsh Rugby Team Visit

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Term Three 2011

Week Three – 19 August

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Caiza Te Kanawa, our most recent new entrant. We also welcome Rudy and Dianne Te Kanawa who join our supportive parent community.

Kick-Start Classes

Welcome to this terms kick-start students and parents Jack Verry, Suzanne and Adrian, Ashton Taane-Burgess, Christaan, Kupa Taane, Angel, Bohdi Downs, Stacey and Dale. Jack, Ashton, Kupa and Bohdi join Lincoln, Reuben and Katie in Kowhai class.

Cross Country Racing

On Wednesday we welcomed St Mary's, Hangatiki and Otorohanga Primary Schools to the small school cross country race at the HTG Hut. We had a wonderful team of runners who did extremely well. Many achieved their goals of performing better than the year before although it did prove to be difficult with an extra school group joining us for the first time.

Thank you to the fundraising team and those who assisted. Special thanks to Anne Stubbs who was an all round asset.



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Congratulations to all runners, the results are as follows:

Year 0 to 2 Girls – Siân Dimond 1st, Maddison Gray 5th, Lilly Taane-Edwards 7th, Zarah Stubbs 11th.

Year 0 to 2 Boys – Thomas Verry 4th, Seth Gray 5th, Lennox Gray 7th, Reuben Dimond 11th, Tame Henry-Wi 13th, Nikhil Shankar 14th and Caiza Te Kanawa 18th.

Year 3 & 4 Girls – Keely Gray 4th, Arleyah Henry 10th, Te Rito Hughes 11th.

Year 3 & 4 Boys – Rawiri Taane-Edwards 13th, Elijah Stubbs 14th, John Batger 15th.

Year 5 & 6 Girls – Jessie Reardon 7th, Arahia Trent 8th, Tiana Henry 11th, Angel Taane-Edwards 13th.

Year 5 & 6 Boys – Te Hurinui Jones 3rd, Blaze Cameron 4th, Taurahere Trent 9th.

Year 7 & 8 Girls – Tai Jones 4th, Leah Bell 7th.

Year 7 & 8 Boys – Alex Bell 1st, Logan Townsend 3rd, Jacob Dimond & Ratapu Winikerei 7th, Bailey Watene 10th.

Siân, Thomas, Seth, Keely, Blaze, Te Hurinui, Logan and Alex will race again on Wednesday at the COP's champion's race on the same course. The briefing will begin at 10.45am followed by the first race at 11.00am in the same order as recorded above. Please come along to support the races and/or help with the food stall.



Year 0 to 2 winners Siân and Kees Muller of St Mary's.



Year 7 & 8 winners Alex and Tori Van der Heyden of St Mary's.



Te Rito

Caiza

John

Elijah

Community Assembly

Our community assembly is held next Friday 26 August at 2.30pm. Please come along and we will share our school news with you.

Absences

Unfortunately there have been several children absent lately due to illnesses. It has been difficult for some due to the change in weather and sickness that have been shared within families. We hope you have speedy recoveries and are feeling well again soon.

As far as we are aware the measles outbreak hasn't affected our local community. I recommend you thoroughly read all information regarding the measles updates as they come to hand.

The school operates a system of phoned absence notice rather than the customary written note on a child's return to school. If your child is to be absent please phone the school office on 878 7534 between 8.00am and 9.00am. Phoned absences will be checked against the classroom list and parents of non-reported absences will be phoned. Where a child is absent for more than one day, it is important that the parents phone the school each morning of the absence. The Ministry of Education guidelines require all absences to be explained otherwise absentees are marked truant. Should it be necessary for a child to leave the school during the day, please ensure the class teacher and/or principal is advised of this before the child leaves.

Thank you to all parents who are very informative in regards to their child's whereabouts. Not only is this Ministry requirements but safety is paramount.

Camp

A separate camp notice will be sent home on Monday. Students not attending camp will have class as usual with Ms Easton or Miss Crown who will be remaining at school during camp week.

Sport

The Waitomo soccer teams all ended a very successful season. A wonderful prizegiving was held for all teams with everyone receiving certificates for participation and skill. Well done everyone and congratulations to the following player of the year recipients Lilly, Thomas, Portia and Roimata. Sincere thanks to Steve, Myke, Julian, Miria and Gareth for coaching. Many players are already looking forward to next